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# SOLDIERS ARE ON THE MOVE

Troops Under Way from Chattanooga to the Coast.

CAVALRY THE FIRST TO GO

Infantry Will Follow Tomorrow and by Friday All the Regulars Will Be En Route to Cuba-Publie Reception to Generals Lee. Wheeler and Wilson.

Chattanooga, May 11.-The onward movement of troops from Chickamauga

At daybreak today the third cavalry broke camp and marched to Rossville, six miles from carsp, where they boarded cars and are now speeding on toward Tampa. The Sixth Cavalry, under command of Gen. S. J. Sumner, followed soo afterwards and is also en route. The Second Cavalry go to Mobile and the Tenth Cavalry to New Orleans.

All the infantry will leave from Ring gold, nine miles from camp. The infantry will not be able to leave before tomorrow

General Brooke said this morning that by Thursday night or Friday morning th last of the troops would be away.

The army now leaving Chickamauga will be part of the first army of invasion to

A public reception to be given in hono of Generals Lee, Wheeler and Wilson has been arranged by citizens, the local G. A. R. posts and the N. B. Forrest Camp Confederate Veterans.

General Joe Wheeler was the first of the major generals to arrive. He came in this morning. Today at noon he messed with General Brooke at his headquarters.

## SIX REPORTED DEAD

### Furious Pire in a Philadelphia Toy Fectory.

Philadelphia, May 11.-A disastrous fire occurred here this morning. The building occupied by McCadden & Bros. as a toy factory was completely gutted. The fire spread to the Reading Hardware Company's building adjoining McCaddens or the east and to Brainard & Armstrong, silk merchants, on the west. The fire was caused by an explosion of fireworks which was part of the stock carried by

A number of lives were lost; how many are buried under the burning ruins is not known. Six bodies have been recovered at 1 o'clock, three unidentified. and what are supposed to be, from their positions when found, the bodies of the engineer, fireman and porter of McCad-

## ORDERS FOR THE OREGON.

Captain Clark Instructed to Pro ceed on the Homeward Voyage. Orders have been sent to Captain Clark commander of the battleship Oregon, at Bahla, Brazil, that the Cape Verde fleet ad been located at Cadiz, that the coast as now clear, and to proceed home. Captain Clark will put into another port

in about a week, where he will get fur

this morning the bill introduced by Representa-tive Curtis of lows, imposing a license tax of \$3 per day, or \$12 per week, upon the proprietors of merry-go-rounds and other mechanical devices operated for purposes of public amusement for gain, in the District of Columbia, was ordered forweally imported. ther instructions.

The Oregon and her consirt, the gungain, in the District of Columbia, was ordered favorably reported.

The committee also ordered a favorable report on the bill to incorporate the East Washington Heights Traction Company, authorizing the laying of tracks and operation of a street railroad across the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge, over the Eastern Branch, and out to the District line, vin Overlook, Numerous amendments relating to details were adopted by the committee. boat Marietta, will probably reach Key West in fifteen days,

## SHOTS OFF PORTO RICO.

### The Yale Supposed to Have Engaged the Enemy's Ships.

St. Thomas, May 11.-Heavy firing Mon Virginia Girl a Soldier's Bride. day night in the distance, leads to the im ssion that there has been an engage-at between an American gunboat, bably the Yale, and a Spanish man-of-Chicago, May 11.-Edward Hanson Harriso commander of the lithous havai milita, and Ellen Douglas Howard, of Richmond, Va., were married last night. No date had been set for their marriage, but in view of the fact that the groom may soon receive orders they decided to marry before parting.

The Spaniard is supposed to be the cruiser Isabella II. Another of the enemy's squadron has been recently sighted and was undoubtedly also a party to the

Steamer Windward Safe. New York, May II.-The arctic explo ing steamer Windward which was pre ing steamer wandware water was pro-sented to Licut. Peary by the proprietor of the London Daily Mail, arrived in port safely this morning. She was long over-due and was thought she had been lost at sea or captured by the Spaniards.

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# RIOT-RIVEN KINGDOM

Mobs and Troops Fight in Many Italian Cities.

### THE BRINK OF REVOLUTION

Bread Riots Not the Cause of the Present Outbreaks - Rebellion Against the Reigning Dynasty the Real Reason-Renewed Fighting at Come and Nevara.

Rome, May II.-Riotous outbreaks are in progress at Como and Novara. Troops were drafted to quell the disorder and practically a battle is now being

fought in the streets of both cities. An order was issued by the govern ment this morning to mobilize a brigade of railway engineers. This is designed to prevent the stoppage of main railway leations which would occur if the railway servants in the operating de-

partments of the roads should join the

ation and almost unparalleled official cor-

ruption and thievery on the other, then a

the storm, until today throughout the pe-

ninsula there are burnings and murders

and a peasantry in arms against the ex-

A secret junta has been at work organiz-

ing rebellion. The present outbreak was

sooner than they planned, but may serve

their purpose. It is against the dynasty,

against the nobility and against the rich

Scenes already enacted bear startling

similarity to those in France before the

fall of the Bastile. The murder of the

miller, Bartella, who thanked the Virgin

vain his fortune for his life, is a picture

Reports coming in today are of renew-

ed fighting by well-armed mobs, the gov-

rament in a panic and a growing fea-

that the army may mutiny and go over to

the populace. Only the sternest repres-

sive measures will serve to check the re

bellion, and these are acknowledged to b

inadequate to remove the bottom trouble

TORPEDO BOAT BLOWN U

One of Spain's Fleet Accidentally

Destroyed.

ALL ON BOARD ARE KILLED

the Port of

Watching for American Vessels

When Her Boilers Blew Up-News

Brought to Gibraltar by an Eng-

London, May 11.-A dispatch to the

Globe from Gibraltar says that an Eng-

lish steamer has arrived there and report-

ed that on Monday night she passed one

of the Spanish torpedo boat destroyers

detailed to guard the port of Algerieras

Shortly afterwards all the lights of

board the destroyer were extinguished.

This was followed by a terrific explosion

The disaster on the vessel was apparent-

ly due to the bursting of her boilers and

it is believed that all on board were

RIOTING IN MADRID.

Mobs Angry at the Retreat of the

London, May 11 .- A dispatch from Mad

rld says that the people are furious a

the return of the Cape Verde fleet, which

they had hoped would give battle to the

American fleet and by a victory counter

Rioting has been renewed in the streets

of Madrid, and a mob has burned a large

DISTRICT MEASURES.

Twelve Dollars a Week.

At a meeting of the House District Committ

this morning the bill introduced by Repres

Bill to Tax the Flying Horses

der of the Illinois naval militia, and

Centenarian Burned to Death.

Vincennes, Ind., May 11 - Mrs. Eliza Hulen, aged 100, the oldest person in Knox County, was burned to death yes-terday at her home in Edwardsport. She

was partially paralyzed, and in lighting

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2 and 3 fuch plank, all heart,

act the defeat at Manila.

grain storehouse.

and the Strait of Gibraltar.

and the destroyer vanished.

throwing lurid light upon the situation.

for dear bread, then offered the mob in

revolutionists. At the time of mailing these advices it London, May II .- Italy has got to the was the belief of naval authorities at Cabrink of a revolution almost unobserved diz that the squadron lying there would by a world intent on Spanish-American afsail on May 11 (today). fairs. Years of discontent and grinding It was also ascertained that a number of poverty on one side and tremendous tax-

tively.

the Canary Island, where fortifications have just been completed. few bread riots, as advance rumblings of Three battallons of marines were ready for embarkation at San Fernando, 7 miles

troops would sail on May 15 destined for

THE HAWAHAN TREATY.

It Will Not Be Called Up in the Se

No effort will be made to call up the

Hawalian annexation treaty in the Sen-

ate. For several days the President hoped that in view of the Philippine situation

those senators opposed to the treaty would withdraw their opposition, but this hope

Senators Davis, Lodge and Cullom have anvassed the Senate and find there is

no change of sentiment and that the op ponents of annexation are as aggressive

as before the war began. Under such conditions the President has abandoned

all hope of the fresty, and now looks to the passage of the resolution as the only solution of the problem.

No action will be taken in the Senate until the House has considered the joint

MAIL RUMORS FROM CADIZ.

Spanish Squadron Said to Be Sched-

uled to Suil Today.

London, May 11.-Mail advices from Ca-

diz, under the date of May 7, say that the

steamers Normannia and Columbia, re-

cently purchased by the Spanish govern-

ment from the Hamburg-American line

and converted into cruisers, have been re-

named the Patriota and Rapido, respec-

has not been realized.

### from Cadly JAPAN WITHDRAWS.

### Troops Ordered to Leave Wei-Hai-Wei Within a Month.

Yokohama, May 11.-The war office ha issued an order requiring the Japanese troops to withdraw from Wei-Hai-Wei within a month from May 7.

The Jiji Shimpo, a leading newspaper advocates the purchase by Japan of a portion of the Philippine Islands,

### HOPING TO DRIVE OUT DEWEY.

Wild Clamors in Spain for Regain ing the Lost Territoy.

Madrid, May 11.-The ministry remains in its position, at least for a few days, as things appear at present, and are making every effort to have the Cortes pass their special war budget.

In the meantime, the populace of Madrid and the country at large are wild in demonstrations for a thoroughly military government, with possibly a conservative cabinet under Martinez Campos.

The Weylerites, as the faction has be ome to be known, clamor for a devastat ing force in America, and demand a strong dinistry out of all the opponents of the present government.

While but little knowledge can be obtained as to the direct objects of the government, it is certain that the loss of the Phillippines has rubbed the sores under which it has been chafing, and the cry now is, Recapture the Philippines, Details of what is being done are not given out, but that as strong a force as car sibly be organized will be sent without delay to regain the glory lost by the vic tory, which now is most reluctantly admitted. Dewey gained over the combined army and navy in those islands

There have been fresh riots at Cordova leaders. The rioters now cry out for a

Two hundred are prisoners at Linares The minister of the interior advises a state of war for all Spain. Wheat in Ma drid has risen 40 per cent, but there is no change in the price of bread. The mayor ommands bakers to make large, special oaves of fixed price and weight. No middlemen are allowed to sell.

## RUBBER WORKS RUSHED.

Big Orders for Ponchos for the Vol unteer Army.

Cleveland, May 11.-The Cleveland Rubber Works has received a rush order from the United States Govern ment for 15,000 ponchos for the volunteer

The ponchos are light rubber blanket 72x45 inches, and are adapted to three uses. They can be used as blankets, as capes, or four of them may be laced to-gether and made into a tent. They have a slit in the center, so they can be slipped over the head when used as

The ponchos have been in use in the Regular Army for a long time, but the militia have never been supplied with them. It is the intention of the Government to furnish all the volunteer with these blankets, and they will be especially serviceable in Cuba during the rainy season, provided the volunteer army is sent to aid Gomez and the Reg-

ular Army in driving Blanco from the Because of the rush order from the Government the Cleveland Rubber Works was in full operation all day Sunday, and the blankets will be rushed for

ward by express in lots of 2,000. It is expected the Cleveland Rubber Works will receive another order for 50,000 ponchos in a few days. It will take about a week to fill the presen

## THE FLYING SQUADRON.

### schley's Fleet Probably Under Or ders to Go to Cuba.

It is believed that orders have been is sued for the flying squadron to move toward the Cuban coast to fill the gap occasioned by the absence of Admiral Sampson's fleet.

Schley will cover the advance on Cuba and if Sampson's fleet returns in the meantime from Porto Rico it will come northward to Hampton Roads for a res and overhauling, and take up coast de-

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The supposed return of the Cape Verde ficet to Cadiz has disappointed the strategic board, which hoped that the enemy would join issue with Admiral Sampson's fleet near Porto Rico.

If the report of the arrival be true, it is evident that the war must be pushed by the Americans, or else be prolonged indefinitely. This phase of the question has been given very lengthy consideration since yesterday, with the result that Gen. Miles' aggressive ideas of conducting the war, as approved by every military expert at the War Department, are being carried out with all possible haste.

Every bureau is straining itself in endeavoring to have its part in the great work completed by the time the expedition is ready to move.

The commissary department has arranged for the delivery of more than 15,000,000 rations at Tampa, which amount will be sufficient to last 50,000 men a hundred days.

The order provides for the delivery of a half a million rations at Tampa each day. Similar steps have been taken with regard to the delivery of provisions at Mobile and New Orleans.

The Quartermaster General's Depart ment has engaged twenty-five transports

As these transports combined will car y about 23,000 men each trip, it will be ecessary to make three trips in trans porting the entire invading force of 61, 000 men. The idea is to send one army corps of about 23,000 in each expedition Shafter to command the first, Gen Wade the second and Gen. Coppinger the third.

my corps will leave Saturday morning This depends upon the celerity with which the troops now moving from Camp Thomas, at Chickamauga Park, arrive a

It is estimated that within forty-eigh ours they will have done this.

The volunteers which were to have ordered to move toward the Gulf coas mmediately after they are mustered.

direct. Those from the other States eas which the States muster their forces.

It is not announced just what volun-eer troops will follow in the wake of the first expedition of regulars, but the ar-

Pennsylvania, six regiments of infantry South Caroline, one battalion of infant

Vermont, one regiment of infantry,

Virginia, one regiment of infantry. West Virginia-One regiment of infan

South Dakota-One regiment infantry. Idaho-One battallon infantry. To proceed to Mobile: Illinois-Two regiments infantry, or

Illinois—Two regiments infantry, one light buttery, one regiment cavalry. Indiana—Two regiments infantry. Iowa—One regiment infantry. Kentucky—One regiment infantry. Chio—Three regiments infantry, three light batteries, six troops cavalry. Tennersee—One regiment infantry. According to this arrangement about two-thirds of the State troops ordered to Chickamauga will be ordered to Tampa and the balance divided between New Orleans and Mobile.

# Busile at Tampa Getting Ready for

Tampa, Fla., May 11.-The news that he troops at Chickamauga had been or dered to Tampa and the report that Gen. Miles would be been within a day or two caused a great stir here. The men nov realise that the long-awaited forward ovement is near at hand.

will be useful either against associations teries or against armored ships.

It is estimated by department officials today that the cost of such a boat as Mr. Belmont proposes to construct will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. His propo-"By Saturday we will be on the Cubar coast," said a carelry officer. "I know coast," said a camply officer. "I know what the plans are, and I tell you we will move from here Thursday or Friday." move from here Thursday or Friday."

The big transport ships Comal, Berkshire, Allegheny, Alamo and Florida are lying end to end along the docks. In some of them the carpenters are rushing the finishing touches to the mule and horse stalls, blus, etc. Several of them have their fresh meats iced and on board. All are watered and coaled and some thave large supplies of stores on board. The Whitney is lying off the entrance to the docks and will mave in today to begin her loading.

adding.

Ammunition by the carload was taken board several of the ships yesterday, and

The Weather-Libber & Co. say—
Light showers; Tair tomorrow.

force.

Herbert B. Seeley, of New York, has joined William Astor Chanler's force. He purchased a handsome horse for \$250, and has supplied himself with gun, machete

ENLISTMENT OF IMMUNES.

Senator Bacon Says That Georgia

Senator Foraker was the first of the

Mr. Foraker was followed by

visitors at the White House this fore-

Senator Bacon of Georgia, who called to

offer some suggestions regarding the call-

ing together of the 10,000 yellow fever

"immunes" who are to be used as a part

Mr. Bacon told the President that since

the introduction of the bill providing for

the equipment of that branch of the

Army he had received letters from hun-

dreds of his constituents, offering their

services and giving the names of dozens

nong the visitors were the Rev

Nowlin, Walter Brengle and J. W. Lowe, of Kentucky; the Revs. Ware and John-ston, of Mississippi, and Miss Powers of Kentucky.

During the early hours of the foreno

buring the early nours of the forencom a number of Hebrews were shown through the House. There were delegates from an annual session of the B'nai Brith, in New York city, who had contin-

saw Mr. McKinley for a few moments upon personal business. He would not say what had passed between him and the President, but he insisted that there

as nothing for publication. Senator Hanna made his customary call

ALLEN ASSUMES OFFFICE

New Assistant Secretary of the Yava

Begins His Duties.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, who suc

ceeds Col. Roosevelt as Assistant Secre-

tary of the Navy, assumed his duties this

tonio tomorrow. His duties as Assistant Secretary ended this morning. He will

and familiarizing him with the work of

BELMONT'S PATRIOTISM.

He Will Build and Command a Dy-

namite Boat.

Mr. Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont, of

New York, has offered to lend the Govern

ment a dynamite torpedo boat, provided

he be permitted to command it, during the

war with Spain. His proposition was

carefully considered this afternoon by the

result a letter was submitted to Secre-

tary Long suggesting that the offer was

patriotic and should be accepted. The

Secretary's decision will be announced

If the Secretary accepts Mr. Belmont's

proposition, work will at once commence

building yard, at Elizabeth, N. J. Mr

Nixon, representing the Crescent Ship

building Company, explained Mr. Bel-

mont's ideas to the Construction Board.

The boat will be very similar to the Rodg-

ers, now on blockade duty in Cuban wat-

m the proposed boat at the Crescent ship-

rithin the next few days.

levote today to assisting his success

of the invading force in Cuba.

advisemen.

the wagons and heavier articles were sent on board this morning.

The loading of the artillery will be the most difficult, as some of the ships have small side ports and the guns will have to be taken apart and swung up by whip and tackle and then lowered into the hold. Gen. Wade assumed command of all the troops in a general order, and announced his staff.

Gen. Shafter will command the invading force.

## SPAIN MUST FIGHT OR FLEE

General Shafter, May Land in Cuba on Sunday-The Second and Third Corps Will Follow Directly.

to convey the troops to Cuba.

Brith, in New York city, who had continued their trip to Washington.

In the afternoon Senator Caffery of Louisiana called upon the President on personal business.

Gen. Catchings of Mississippi, called upon President McKinley this afternoon and offered to raise as many "immunes" as would be necessary to make up the quota from his State. He said, in the course of his talk with the President that he believed that great results could course of his talk with the President that he believed that great results could be obtained from the use of colored troops in the invasion of Cuba. "They are seasoned and well adapted to the work before them." he said. The President referred Gen. Catchings to Secretary Alger, upon whom he called later.

The President expressed himself today as being anxious to afford Admiral Dewey every facility in the conquest of the Philippine Islands. He told a prominent Senator that he had determined to send a second installment of troops if, for any reason, the first should prove ineffective or in any way should fail to accomplish the work in hand.

Hon, Lemuel E. Quigg, of New York, saw Mr. McKinley for a few moments

It is expected that Gen. Shafter's ar

oncentrated at Chickamauga have been

Under these orders the volunteers eas of the Alleghanies will proceed to Tampa of the Mississippi will concentrate a Mobile, and those from the west wil move toward New Orleans. It is proba ble that the regiments to be sent to these three points from the different States last Monday to proceed to Chickamanga Much will depend upon the rapidity with The countermanding of the order direct

ing the troops which were to have gone to Chickamauga to proceed to the points of embarkation direct, will hardly effect the quotas ordered to camp at Washing-ton, which point will now see the largest camp north of Tampa, Mobile and New

rangement will probably be as follows:
To proceed to Tampa:
Maryland, one regiment of infantry.
Masachusetts, the regiment of infantry.
New Jersey, one regiment of infantry.
New York, four regiments of infantry. North Carolina, one regiment of infant

To proceed to New Orleans:
Colorado—One regiment of infantry.
Kansas—One regiment infantry.
Michigan—Two regiments infantry.
Missouri—Two regiments infantry.
Missouri—Two regiments infantry.
Nebraska—One regiment infantry.
Wisconsin—One regiment infantry. Wisconsin-One regiment infantry North Dakota-One battalion infantry.

ers. It will have a displacement of 150 tons, will be about 160 feet in length and 16 feet beam, and will have a draught of 5 feet. Its armament will consist of dynamite guns, built under plans prepared by Mr. Nivos Art. Nixon.

These guns will be able to throw large shells loaded with high explosives, and it is declared that no danger will be experienced. Small charges of powder will be employed, so arranged as to burn slowly when first discharged, and to gradually employed its consumption in order to

quicken its consumption in order to generate a large body of gas without shock to the explosive in the projectile. It is appreciated that considerable eleva-tion will have to be given the guns in order that they may fire a satisfactory dis-

### Mr. Belmont's proposed boat will be fast, her speed being twenty-six knots an hour. This is better than the Rodgers TRANSPORTS READY. can do. Mr. Belmont desires to comman can do. Mr. Belmont desires to command her, but he will expect the Navy to put on board a regular blue jacket crew and an executive officer, who will be an officer of the service. He believes that the boat will be useful either against shore bat-

sition specially states that he does not in-tend to give the vessel to the Govern-ment, but will lend it during the exist-ence of war between the United States Mr. Belmont's Offer Refused. The offer of Mr. O. P. H. Beln ther gentlemen of New York, to furnish a naval vessel, provided Mr. Belmont was given command of it, has been re jected by Secretary Long. This action was taken after submitting the matter to the Board of Bureau Chiefs, who reported against the proposition.

> Flyun's Business Callege, 8th and K 15-Summer Course; Day or Night-15. Ceiling, 6 In. wide, 3-8 In. thick, Clear, No. 1, beaded, \$1.5 hundred feet.

## SPAIN'S IDLE THREATS.

Retaking the Philippi Regarded as a "Bluff." London, May II.—A relief expedition to the Philippine Islands from Spain is looked upon by military and naval ex-

Talk as they may, the Spaniards have no forces that they can spare from home at this critical juncture, when only a spark is necessary to set in Madrid the me of revolution that the worst days of France would hardly compare with. The dynasty is at stake, and bayonets and breech-loaders at its bidding are its only security. The naval reserve squadron is not in readiness for service. The truth is that the money is not forthcom ing for the work that can repair and fit the ships ready for sea.

Again comes in the question, than all others, of the coal supply. There s not enough fuel for her navy to encompass the distances required for the to engage in duty that migh; be product-

Whether the fleets could coal at neutral ports on the way to the Philippines raises a point of international law, and if this reserve fleet sails at all, which is unlikely, it is believed that it will pro ably have a rendezvous with coalers sen in advance at different points along the

of their neighbors who were anxious to be included in the regiments in question. Mr. Bacon made the suggestion that a greater part of the "immunes" be fur-nished by his own State. The President Taking these and other present circumstances into consideration, those in miltold him he would take the matter under itary and naval circles will regard the wild threats to oust Dewey from his first Senator Bate and Senator Cullom were the next visitors, and Senator Wetmore followed.

During the day large delegations from the Southern Baptist Convention, which has just concluded its session at Norfolk, Va., visited the Executive Mansion. stance whatever, beyond a threat or veritable bluff to appease the excited

# **GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO**

Major General Wesley Merritt May Assume the Office.

### PRIENDS PRESENT HIS CLAIMS

t Is Suggested That He Be Appointed Military Governor of the Philippines, But General Scholield Urges That He Be Given a Higher Command-Will Maintain Order.

At the instance of General Schofield, re ired, President McKinley has summor Major General Wesley Merritt to Wash ngton, to consult him in regard to a mill ary occupation of Porto Rico.

dal circles of appointing General Merrit military governor of the Philippines, Gen eral Merritt's friends heard of this propo sition, and some of them went to the President to express the hope that Gen eral Merritt would be given a bette chance to add to his record as a soldier.

Gen. Schofield was the principal adve cate of a recognition of Gen. Merritt' claims. He told Mr. McKinley, it is said, that Gen. Merritt should be given a command to which his high standing and rank

entitled him. It was suggested that Gen. Merritt in Porto Rico after its occupation by the American forces and it is with a view to having him accept the military governorship of the Island that he has been called to Washington. If the Spanish forces in Porto Rico are disposed to fight Gen. Merritt will probably lead the force

# sent against them.

### AUSTRIA IS NEUTRAL. Emperor Francis Joseph's An nouncement to the Reicharath. Naval Board on Construction, and as a

Vienna, May 11.-In the speech from the throne at the opening of the sessio of the Reichsrath today, the empero said:

"We will observe strict neutrality, and hope that the war will soon be finished by an equitable arrangement. We hope for a pacific development in the Far East, but in the face of the uncertain situation, the maintenance of a powerful armament is necessary."

# THE KAISER A 'LOOKER ON."

Germany Aloof From Practical Co. cern in the Struggle. Berlin, May 11.-Germany has no ide of protesting against America occupying the Philippines, and assurances given by a high authority indicate that she will no iein with any combination of the powers

with this end in view. As far as official utierances up to thi date are concerned, but one reference can be properly drawn. That is that th Kaiser is disposed in the present struggle to be satisfied with the position of being a "looker on" at events as they progress "Of course," as is repeatedly remarked in official and other quarters, "if the interests of the Empire become involve in any appreciable degree then the majesty of its rights will be asserted, but as to interference between the two powers now engaging the attention of the civil-ized world that is a question seemingly not to be now entertained."

## Two Men Killed by the Cars.

Rye, N. Y., May IL-Two unknown me were struck and almost instantly killed by the 5:61 westbound express over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Ralifood this morning. The men were walking the track near this station and in getting out of the way of an eastbound local train, were caught between a picket fence that separates the tracks and the express. Both bodies are badly mangled and are practically unrecognizable. The men were poorly dressed and were evi-dently laborers.

Dennison, Tex., May 11.-There was loud burst near Tishomingo, in the Chickasaw Nation, yesterday, and great damage was done to crops. Pennington Creek rose twenty-six feet in one hour, the highest water ever known.

We sell everything that enters in

### Retreat of Her Fleet and What It Means.

### PLANS OF ENEWY IN DOUBT

Either a Combined Advance Acron the Atlantic or a Hiding Game on the Other Side-Effect of the Uncertainty on the American Program-Orders to Sampson.

The Spanish Cape Verde fleet of four cruisers and three destroyers that was supposed until yesterday to be nearing Porto Rico to fall into the hands of Admiral Sampson, is now at Cadiz, Spain,

No doubt as to the identity of the fleet s felt by anyone at the Navy Department. Positive information from the most reliable American sources in Europe was received yesterday and corroborated this norning. There is some suspicion in other quarters, however, that the report of the fleet at Cadiz may be another Spanish ruse of war.

It is suggested, very plausibly, that America is uncertain as to the number of Spanish ships that have been at Cadiz, the Canaries and the Cape Verde Islands, and that it would apparently be possible for the Spanish foreign office to circulate stories and circulate their ships in such a manner as entirely to deceive America's secret agents at those

Nothing was heard from Admiral ampson or Admiral Dewey at the Navy Department this morning and no news was expected until tonight or tomorrow.

The plans of the Spanish navy now are much in doubt. Unquestionably there is a large fear that it will never come this way. On the other hand, many of the naval people believe that the reported return to Cadiz is only the beginning of a much more formidable descent on America. If Spain is intending to send her entire

navy to this side the war is not by any means over. Its greatest battle is yet to be fought and possibly several of them. There are several arguments favoring the belief that this is the plan. The Chape Verde fleet by itself would ave been certain of swift annihilation n their first engagement with Admiral

Spain never intended to send it alone. With the other branches of the Navy, however, there would be a most formid-able fleet, that no one of the United States squadrons could hope to fight successfully. The situation on this side makes it imperative to divide up the United States Navy, with only the hope of reassembling it in time for

certed resistance. It is also suggested that Cuba must be ost inevitably within a few days, unless Spain makes a great show of sending the armada. If no evidence of energy is shown by her, the Administration here will consider it entirely safe to bombard Havana and land a large army in

Cuba. It is doubtful if Mr. McKinley would consent to do this if positive information were received today that twenty stout Spanish warships had left Cadiz to attack America or break the blockade of Cuba. The old argument that the American Navy might be injured in the bombardment nd the American Army shut off from succor would then be possible again.

There are two other views to be taken into consideration. Spain has been as determined in her protestations of fight since Manila was taken as she was beore. There is no evidence of her intention of giving up except the fact that the Cape Verde fleet has not come this way, and naval people say that this is no evidence, because the fleet was never

ordered to come. Cuba is in a terrible condition of destiution. Either Cuba must be left to starve or given up, or the Spanish armada must attempt to rescue it.

The final argument is that a complete backdown now would mean sure anarchy n Spain and the abandonment of hope to the dynasty. If the fight is kept up the dynasty may perhaps be saved.

Admiral Sampson's present orders, now that the fleet is disposed of for a time, are believed to be to take Porto Rico. There is some talk of the possibility that if after all the Spanish navy is to emain on the other side permanently. Adpiral Sampson may be sent next to the

### Canaries. DEATH OF CAPT. WETMORE.

He Fought Under Admiral Porter in the Mississippi Squadron. Capt. Henry Stanley Wetmore, who had been mployed in the Interstate Commerce Con Q and Marien Streets northwest, this morning at 6 o'clock. He was sixty-two years old, and a cousin of Senator Wetmore of Bhode Siand. He leaves a widow, two step-children and a grand-child. Capt. Wetmore was at his desk in the commission yesterday, and was apparently in the best of health. Last night he attended Buffalo Bill's show, and enjoyed the performance with the glee of a child. He returned home at 11 o'clock and talked enthusiastically with his wife about the show. At 5:20 o'clock he awakened Mrs. Wetmore, and complained of intense pains in the back of his head. She tried local remedies without awail, and summoned physicians. Their efforts were futile and at 6 o'clock the soul of the "good little captain," as he was lovingly called by his associates, passed to the keeping of its Creator. and Marien Streets northwest, this morning

tis. Creator.

Capt. Wetmore was a gallant naval officer during the civil war, holding the rank of lieutenant commander, and was attached to Admiral Potter's personal staff in the Mississippi squadron. He was a member of a number of fraternal orders, under whose auspices the funeral will be con-

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